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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDGAR

Subject: Reorganization of ICAPS, Comments on

1. It appears evident that several of the functions which delegated ICAPS responsibility as to internal CIA functions and organization have been eliminated from our last charter. As I interpret the subject paper, the following functions are either eliminated or worded in such a way that ICAPS could be ignored or by-passed at will:

- a. Maintains continuous supervision of the planning and coordination of the intelligence activities of CIA.
- b. Coordinates, directly or through CIA agencies, the intelligence activities of all governmental departments and individuals concerned to insure that the facilities of the Central Intelligence Agency are operating to provide the best possible service to the State, War, Navy, and other governmental departments and individuals concerned.
- c. Prepares overall policies, plans and procedures for approval by the Director, CIA, and assures proper implementation after approval.
- d. Arranges CIA representation relative to intelligence matters on external committees, boards, groups, etc., where indicated and required.

2. In my opinion, it is necessary for ICAPS to supervise and survey the implementation of projects within CIA from the time of conception until that project has been completed or has assumed the status of a routine operation.

3. The wording in paragraph 1 c of subject paper stating that ICAPS would "Arrange for and supervise interdepartmental coordination...including the participation of appropriate CIA agencies..." does not have the effect of giving ICAPS the authority to check on the proper and complete implementation of projects by the CIA offices.

4. I think that if it is the intention to drastically sever our relations within CIA, that a small staff should be formed within the executive director's office who are fully informed on all plans and projects and who could perform those functions of inter-CIA supervision heretofore delegated to ICAPS.

*HCW*

*P.S. Also recommend that par 4 b in the present I/O N/ charter be retained in any future revision of their charter.*